



**PATENT APPLICATION
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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SUPPORTING POINT-TO-POINT INTRACLUSTER COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN REPLICATED CLUSTER NODES

the specification of which is filed herewith unless the following box is checked:

() was filed on October 7, 2003 as US Application Serial No. or PCT International Application Number 10/680,590 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor(s) certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor(s) certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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